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## UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Validity Study on NIE 43-59

Prospects for the Government of the Republic of China

dated 17 November 1959

The attached validity study of NIE 43-59 was noted by the Intelligence Board on 6 September 1960 (USIB-M-115, item 9.c.).

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Attachment

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We have reviewed that part of NIE 43-59 concerning the effects of the loss of the offshore islands (paragraphs 7, 28-35) and continue to believe that the effects of such a development, in terms of Nationalist staying power and US-Nationalist relations would be very serious indeed. We still believe that such a development would not automatically mean the collapse of the Nationalist government or preclude the continuance of an anti-Communist government on Taiwan allied with the US.